

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 DECEMBER 1993

\*\*\*\*\* BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

REFNO: 1297-0-01 (ACCNO 5732)      Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: SMITH, ROGER LEE      Date Status assigned: 11 Oct 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E4	Hair	RED	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREY	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	14 Mar 1947	Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	CREWCHIEF
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

\*\*\*\*\* SITE INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48PWT979732  
Lat/Long: 113101N / 1055352E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: TAY NINH  
(formerly):  
Mission District: TAN BIEN  
Mission Date: 3 Oct 1968  
Mission Category: 1  
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

\*\*\*\*\* JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY \*\*\*\*\*

Folders Passed: Sep 93  
Investigations: Oct 93  
Surveys: Oct 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (3) Unknown

\*\*\*\*\* VEHICLE DATA \*\*\*\*\*

Vehicle Type: UH1H	Serial: 17595
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: @	1 Serial: #
Year: 67	2 Serial: \$

\*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY \*\*\*\*\*

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

6 December 1993

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19 January 1994

ON 5 NOV 93 A SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) AND ON 12 NOV 93, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM SURVEYED A SUSPECTED UH-1H CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48PWT97147539. THE SRT FOUND TWO PIECES OF U.S. MANUFACTURED BOOT SOLES. THE TEAM ALSO OBSERVED A TURBINE ENGINE ASSEMBLY FROM A UH-1 OR AH-1 AT A WITNESS'S HOME. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A CORRELATION TO THE CASE 1297 INCIDENT. (REF 4)



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CASE 1297-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 3 OCTOBER 1968, SPECIALIST FOUR ROGER L. SMITH WAS A CREW MEMBER ABOARD A UH-1H HELICOPTER (SERIAL NUMBER 67-17595) WHICH CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WT979732, APPROXIMATELY 30 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TAY NINH AND 1 KILOMETER SOUTH OF XOM RAY, TAY NINH PROVINCE. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES RECOVERED THE SURVIVORS AND THE REMAINS OF EVERYONE ABOARD THE HELICOPTER EXCEPT FOR SPECIALIST FOUR SMITH. THE RESCUE FORCES WERE UNABLE TO RECOVER SPECIALIST FOUR SMITH'S REMAINS WHICH WERE PINNED UNDER THE WRECKAGE. DUE TO THE HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO RECOVER HIS REMAINS.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: SMITH, ROGER LEE  
RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY  
DATE OF BIRTH: 14 MARCH 1947  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS  
WEIGHT: 74.7 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: RED  
EYES: GREY

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE  
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Tờ tường thuật

Vào ngày 3 tháng 10 năm 1968, Chuyên viên cấp 4 ROGER L. SMITH là phi hành viên trên chiếc trực thăng UH-1H (số hiệu 67-17595) bị rơi gần toạ độ WT979732, khoảng 30 cây số hướng Tây Bắc của Tây Ninh và 1 cây số hướng Nam của Xom Ray, tỉnh Tây Ninh. Đội tìm kiếm và cấp cứu đã tìm được những người còn sống sót và những xác chết trên chiếc trực thăng ngoại trừ Chuyên viên cấp 4 SMITH. Đội cấp cứu không thể lấy được xác chết của Chuyên viên cấp 4 SMITH bị đè ở dưới chiếc trực thăng. Vì quân địch ở gần đó nên không có thể tiếp tục cố gắng để thu hồi xác chết.

Những chi tiết liên quan như sau:

Họ và tên: SMITH, ROGER LEE  
cấp bậc: Chuyên viên cấp 4, Bộ binh Hoa Kỳ  
Ngày sinh: 14 tháng 3 năm 1947  
Chủng tộc: Da trắng  
Chiều cao: 1 thước 72  
Cân nặng: 74 kí 7  
Màu tóc: Đỏ  
Màu mắt: Xám

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